

One of the most important contribution the Amateur Service made in the recent past was during the period following the Haitian earthquake. Many, many hours were spent by dozens of committed amateurs to facilitate the movement of message traffic between the affected area and the U.S. and supporting agencies.

The major impediment I have personally experienced is the occasional deliberate interference between communications in several amateur traffic nets to which I subscribe. Six or more fellow amateurs have informed me they've filed reports with Laura Smith and/or the FCC and then hear absolutely nothing more on the subject, and the interference continues. The FCC seems not to understand that the interfering station may not necessarily be heard by their monitoring station but that does not mean it does not exist. The FCC should allow some public accountability, in my opinion, so that the persons involved can see the progress, or lack thereof, of investigations by the FCC.